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This is in response to the final Office Action mailed June 29, 2006, and having a period ~~for response set to expire on September 29, 2006.~~ A Petition for a 2-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to November 29, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of the claim amendments and reconsideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested, because it is believed that the claim amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the relied upon references without requiring further search to place the application in condition for allowance.

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